

April 17, 2000

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bills:

H.B. NO. 517: AN ACT TO DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 35 IN LEAKE COUNTY AS THE "VETERANS' MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:50 PM)

H.B. NO. 523: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, ACTING THROUGH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:51 PM)

H.B. NO. 590: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-17-59, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR TIMBER THEFT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:52 PM)

H.B. NO. 711: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-11-51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ACCREDITED FUNERAL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY AND MORTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS ARE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING UNDER THE FUNERAL SERVICE LICENSURE LAW WHEN EMBALMING AS PART OF A STUDENT PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:53 PM)

H.B. NO. 716: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-5-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THAT REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS RELATING TO SANITATION SHALL HAVE THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:54 PM)

H.B. NO. 854: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 81-5-7, 81-12-95, 81-13-73 AND 81-14-153, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE BANKS, SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS, CREDIT UNIONS AND SAVINGS BANKS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 8:55 PM)

H.B. NO. 862: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TAX COMMISSION MAY NOT PREPARE OR ISSUE ANY DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG OR PLATE AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE FROM AND AFTER JULY 1, 2000, UNLESS THE ORGANIZATION OR OTHER ENTITY FOR WHICH THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZED THE DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG OR PLATE SUBMITS PROOF TO THE TAX COMMISSION THAT A CERTAIN MINIMUM NUMBER OF SUCH LICENSE TAGS OR PLATES WILL BE PURCHASED AND DEPOSITS WITH THE COMMISSION AN AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PURCHASE THAT MINIMUM NUMBER; TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE NUMBER OF DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAGS OR PLATES FALLS BELOW THE MINIMUM NUMBER IN THE LAST YEAR OF THE SERIES, THE LICENSE TAG OR PLATE SHALL BE DISCONTINUED, BUT A DISTINCTIVE LICENSE TAG DECAL MAY BE PREPARED AND SOLD BY THE ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF SUCH DECALS SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY FOR ANY USE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:00 PM)

H.B. NO. 923: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 97-3-37, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT KILLING OR INJURING A FETUS SHALL BE A CRIME AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:01 PM)

H.B. NO. 931: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-3-71.50, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REDESIGNATE THAT PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 82 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT BYPASSES THE CITY OF WINONA AS THE "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BOULEVARD"; TO CREATE A NEW SECTION TO BE CODIFIED AS SECTION 65-3-71.51, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 82 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT EXTENDS EASTERLY FROM THE CITY OF WINONA TO THE MONTGOMERY/WEBSTER COUNTY LINE AS THE "GEORGE HARRIS, SR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:02 PM)

H.B. NO. 953: AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH BORDERING STATES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENTERING SUCH STATE TO APPREHEND AND ARREST CRIMINALS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:03 PM)

H.B. NO. 959: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-3-125, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF FEES FOR RETIRED LAWYERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:04 PM)

H.B. NO. 1132: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 89-1-45, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO CLARIFY THE TERM PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:05 PM)

H.B. NO. 1355: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-105, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO ALLOW CERTAIN COMMUNITY HOSPITALS TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON DOCUMENTATION OF EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND IN THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:06 PM)

H.B. NO. 1366: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-7-38, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS TO ALLOW LICENSED CROSSBOW HUNTERS TO HUNT TURKEY WITH A CROSSBOW; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:07 PM)

H.B. NO. 1464: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 49-15-100.3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE POSSESSION OF A GILL NET, TRAMMEL NET OR LIKE CONTRIVANCE OR OTHER EQUIPMENT PROHIBITED UNDER THE STATE SEAFOOD LAWS IN A VESSEL SHALL CONSTITUTE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF ITS USE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES. (April 16, 2000; 9:08 PM)

Respectfully submitted,

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